

DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN BRECHT  
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The original surname of BRIGHT was BRECHT. After the family came to America, they changed the name to the English spelling.

1.JOHANN BRECHT

Johann Brecht was probably born in Baden (Germany) about 1660 and died in Baden before 1726. He married Anna Katarina Hoffman.

Known children of Johann and Anna Katarina (Hoffman) Brecht.

2. (1). Johann Stephan                      b.Feb 17 1692      d.Sep 24 1747  
    m.Traxeta -----
3. (2). Johannes
4. (3). Michael

2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT      1.JOHANN BRECHT

Johann Stephan Brecht, a son of Johann and Anna Katarina (Hoffman) Brecht, was born in Baden February 17, 1692 and died near Lancaster, PA September 24, 1747. He married Traxeta -----.

Stephan immigrated to PA in 1726 with his wife, his mother and his youngest brother Michael in 1826. His two oldest sons followed with his brother Johannes in 1731.

Children of Johann Stephan and Traxeta Brecht.

5. (1). David                                  b.c.              1719
6. (2). Wentel (Wendell)                      b.c.              1722
7. (3). George Adam                              b.c.              1731  
    m.Maria Catarina -----
8. (4). Margaret
9. (5). Catherine
10. (6). Mary
11. (7). Elizabeth
12. (8). Magdalene

7.GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT      2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT      1.JOHANN BRECHT

George Adam Bright, a son of Johann Stephan and Traxeta Brecht, was born in present day Berks County PA about 1731 and died in Augusta County VA in 1804. He married Maria Catarine ------. The family

moved from berks county to Augusta County VA in the summer of 1759. George was listed in Augusta County's first district in 1800 as the owner of three horses.

George's will, dated April 14, 1804, is recorded in Augusta County Will Book 9, page 71 and was proved June 25, 1805.

"I, George Adam Bright, of Augusta County, State of Virginia do hereby make my last will & testament in manner & form following, that is to say, after all my just debts & funeral expenses are paid. I give & bequeath to my two sons, John Bright & George Bright, their heirs & assigns forever, all the land I possess adjoining James Steele, John Tate's heirs, Nathaniel Steele, Jasper Huffman & George Schultz to be delivered by the line I marked on the hill between where John Bright now lives & George Bright. Beginning on James Steele's line at the timbers I marked & running near the top of the South sided of the Ridge to a white oak on the said Harpers line each one are to have the part the line with their appurtenances. I order my son John Bright to pay out of the value of the said land Forty five pounds to be divided equally between my five daughters & their heirs. I further order my son George Bright to pay fifty pounds after my death out of the said land which is willed to him to be equally divided between my five daughters of their heirs. I give & bequeath to my son John Bright his heirs & assigns forever all that tract of said land I own lying on the head of Pine run adjoining the lands of John Tate, dec., & a survey I have between the saw mill & the line including by Patent about two hundred & forty acres. I give & bequeath the saw mill & forty acres.

I give & bequeath to my son George Bright the one half of a tract of land adjoining the saw mill place, Campbells land & the tract which I have willed to my son John which half is to be taken off the end the joins the said Campbells land & in consideration of the said land I direct my son George to maintain in a decent manner my daughter Barbarah as long as she lives & is not in a situation to support herself. I further conceive that my son Windle Bright has received a full share of my estate which was four hundred & eight acres of land which he sold to Thomas & William Steele & received payment. I direct my executors here after mentioned to sell as soon after my death as can with convenience the ballance of that tract of land after the one half which I have willed to my son George Bright to be sold together with the said Mill Tract & the money arising from the sales of both Tracts to divided equally between my five daughters & my son David Bright. Lastly I appoint my two sons John Bright & George Bright my Executors of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made, in Testimony whereof, I have here unto set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of April Eighteen hundred & four.

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George Adam GAB Bright  
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Known children of George Adam and Maria Katarina Bright.

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|-----|------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|------|
| 13. | (1). | Johannes (John)                | b. Jan 18 1756 | d. Jun   | 1828 |
|     |      | m. Susannah (Fulwider) Kleiner |                |          |      |
|     |      | m. Susannah Wiseman            |                |          |      |
| 14. | (2). | Johan Windle                   | b. Jan 1 1758  | d. Apr 6 | 1838 |
|     |      | m. Barbara Kisner              | Mar 15 1786    |          |      |

15. (3). Rebecca b.c. 1760  
m. William Steele
16. (4). Mary b.c. 1763  
m. Isaac Liptrap Jun 28 1785
17. (5). Barbarah b.c. 1765  
m. Philip Pottoph
18. (6). Elizabeth b.c. 1767 d. Jun 8 1842  
m. George Lott Jr. Mar 9 1795
19. (7). George Adam Jr. b.c. 1770  
m. Caterine Campbell Feb 4 1794
20. (8). Sarah bc. 1774  
m. Augustine Kaufelt Mar 10 1794
21. (9). David b.c. 1777  
m. Judith Dinsmore Jan 6 1799

13. JOHN BRIGHT 7. GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT 2. JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT  
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John Bright, a son of George Adam and Maria Katarina Bright, was born in York County PA January 18, 1756 died in Augusta County VA in June 1828. He married Susannah (Fulwider) Kleiner. His second wife was Susanna Wiseman.

Known children of John and Susannah (Fulwider) [Kleiner] Bright.

22. (1). Jacob b. Feb 22 1790 d. 1861  
m. Mary "Polly" Grimm Jun 23 1810

22. JACOB BRIGHT 13. JOHN BRIGHT 7. GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT 2. JOHANN  
STEPHAN BRECHT 1. JOHANN BRECHT

Jacob Bright, a son of John and Susannah (Kleiner) Bright, was born in Augusta County VA February 22, 1790 and died in Brown County IN in 1861. He married Mary "Polly" Grimm June 23, 1810. Mary was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hart) Grimm.

Jacob disappeared about 1831. The older children were bound out to different people in 1832 and 1833. Mary moved to Harrison County VA and married widower Joseph Osborn there August 20, 1842.

Many years later, the family discovered that Jacob had removed to Brown County IN.

Children of Jacob and Mary "Polly" (Grimm) Bright.

23. (1). Eliza Jane b. 1812  
m. John Lamb
24. (2). John C. b. 1815

m.Margaret Moyers

25. (3). Elizabeth Wilson b. 1817  
m.Jacob Hull Arbogast
26. (4). David H. b.Apr 21 1819 d. 1897  
m.Catherine Harper
27. (5). William b. 1821  
m.Susan Catherine Miller
28. (6). Matthew b. 1823 d. 1897  
m.Sarah Davis
29. (7). Samuel b. 1826 d. 1903  
m.Cassa Ann Bean
30. (8). Amos b. 1830 d. 1852
31. (9). Azariah b.c. 1833 d.Sep 25 1903  
m.Mary Gragg Apr 3 1855  
m.Sarah (Bush) Ellis

26.DAVID H. BRIGHT 22.JACOB BRIGHT 13.JOHN BRIGHT 7.GEORGE  
ADAM BRIGHT 2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT 1.JOHANN BRECHT

David H. Bright, a son of Jacob and Mary "Polly" (Grimm) Bright, was born in Pendleton County VA April 21, 1819 and died in Braxton County Wv in 1897. He married Catherine Harper in Randolph County VA in 1840. Catherine, a daughter of Peter and Susanna (Simmons) Harper, was born about 1822.

After his father disappeared, David was bound out in Pendleton County VA to George Heffner to learn the blacksmiths trade April 21, 1832.

The family moved from Randolph County to Lewis county VA in 1845 and to Braxton County VA (WV) in 1858.

Children of David H. and Catherine (Harper) Bright.

32. (1). Azariah H. b.May 20 1841  
m.Christina Bender
33. (2). Jacob Arbogast b.Mar 10 1843  
m.Susan Chidester Sep 16 1868  
m.Melvina Ellen Knicely Oct 21 1873
34. (3). Susanna b. 1845  
m.Calvin Squires
35. (4). Mary Jane b. 1848  
m.Francis Asbury Tonkin
36. (5). William G. b. 1850  
m.Rachel Sabina Skidmore
37. (6). Charles Robert b. 1853

m.Lydia Jane knicely

38. (7). Adam Sisk b. 1856  
m.Christina M. Wiehert

31.AZARIAH BRIGHT 22.JACOB BRIGHT 13.JOHN BRIGHT 7.GEORGE  
ADAM BRIGHT 2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT 1.JOHANN BRECHT

Azariah Bright, a son of Jacob and Mary "Polly" (Grimm) Bright, was born in Pendleton County VA about 1833 and died in Fairmont, WV September 25, 1903. He married Mary Gragg in Pocahontas County Va April 3, 1855. Mary, a daughter of Zebulon and Sarah (Hoover) Gragg, was born about 1835 and died in Lewis County VA April 11, 1859.

Azariah moved to Gilmer County VA (WV) and married Sarah (Bush) Ellis there September 19, 1862. Sarah, a daughter of Adam and Sophia (Waggoner) Bush, was born in Lewis County VA (WV) about 1835. She married Faniel Ellis in Gilmer County VA (WV) September 29, 1853.

Children of Azariah and Mary (Gragg) Bright.

39. (1). James Washington b.Feb 5 1857 d.Jun 19 1939  
m.Elizabeth Wright Jan 1 1880

Children of Fannel and Sarah (Bush) Ellis.  
(Step children of Azariah Bright.)

40. (1). Mary M. b. 1854  
41. (2). Sophia b. 1857  
42. (3). Marcellus b. 1859

Children of Azariah and Sarah (Bush) [Ellis] Bright.

43. (1). Susan M. b. 1866  
44. (2). Thomas E. (twin) b. 1869  
45. (3). Margaret E. 9twin) b. 1869  
46. (4). Alvin R. b. 1872  
47. (5). Jerusha A. b. 1875

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BRIGHT 7.GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT 2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT 1.JOHANN  
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Azariah H. Bright, a son of David H. and Catherine (Harper) Bright, was born May 20, 1841. He married Christina Bender.

Known children of Azariah H. and Christina (Bender) Bright.

48. (1). Minnie C. b. 1876  
m.Frank Evans

33.JACOB ARBOGAST BRIGHT      26.DAVID H. BRIGHT      22.JACOB BRIGHT  
 13.JOHN BRIGHT      7.GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT      2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT  
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Jacob Arbogast Bright, a son of David H. and Catherine (Harper) Bright, was born in Randolph County VA March 10, 1843. He married Susan Chidester in Lewis County WV September 16, 1868. Susan died December 14, 1872.

Jacob married Melvina Ellen Knicely October 21, 1873. Melvina, a daughter of Samuel Erwin and Lydia Jane (Phillips) Knicely, was born about 1851.

Children of Jacob Arbogast and Susan (Chidester) Bright.

49. (1). Presley Beach      b.      1869  
     m.Mary Belle Crawford

Children of Jacob Arbogast and Melvina Ellen (Knicely) Bright.

50. (1). Mary Etta      b.      1875      d.      1993

51. (2). Ira Vernard      b.      1876  
     m.Sophronia Robey  
     m.Effy Melinda Brown

52. (3). Warric G.      b.      1879      d.      1880

53. (4). Catherine Jane      b.      1881  
     m.George D. Browning

54. (5). Delilah      b.      1885  
     m.Joseph L. Robey

55. (6). Samuel Ode      b.Aug 12 1888      d.Mar 30 1977  
     m.Louverna Cutlip      Apr 2 1911

39.JAMES WASHINGTON BRIGHT      31.AZARIAH BRIGHT      22.JACOB BRIGHT  
 13.JOHN BRIGHT      7.GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT      2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT  
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James Washington Bright, a son of Azariah and Mary (Gragg) Bright, was born in Pocahontas County VA February 5, 1857 and died June 19, 1939. He married Elizabeth Wright January 1, 1880. Elizabeth was a daughter of Harrison and Elizabeth Wright.

Children of James Washington and Elizabeth (Wright) Bright.

56. (1). Ira David      b.May 26 1881      d.Sep 3 1881

57. (2). Thomas Edgar      b.Sep 28 1882      d.Apr 4 1968  
     m.Bettie Hansen  
     m.Dollie Ellen Harper Sep 5 1918  
     m.Violet May Wills

58. (3). Hattie Victoria      b.Feb 10 1885      d.Jun 17 1938

m. John Varner

59. (4). Harvey Cleveland                      b. Jul 1 1890              d. May 10 1937
60. (5). Clarinda I.                              b. Apr 23 1894              d.              1985  
      m. Cecil Harper Robinson
61. (6). Joy Francis                              b. Jul 15 1898              d. Jun 10 1986
62. (7). Toy Richard                              b. Feb 11 1901              d. Jan 21 1925

51. IRA VERNARD BRIGHT      33. JACOB ARBOGAST BRIGHT      26. DAVID H. BRIGHT  
22. JACOB BRIGHT      13. JOHN BRIGHT      7. GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT      2. JOHANN  
STEPHAN BRECHT      1. JOHANN BRECHT

Ira Vernard Bright, a son of Jacob Arbogast and Melvina Ellen (Knicely) Bright, was born in VA in 1876. He married Sophronia Robey. His second wife was Effie Melinda Brown. Effie, a daughter of George and Emma (Ware) Brown, was born in VA about 1891.

Children of Ira Vernard Bright.

63. (1). Elzie
64. (2). B.A. "Bloomer"
65. (3). Gordon
66. (4). Creed
67. (5). Nellie  
      m. Warren Knicely
68. (6). Kermit
69. (7). Boyce
70. (8). Van
71. (9). Betty Jean  
      m. Arthur Helmick
72. (10). Clarence
73. (11). Melinda
74. (12). Emma

55. SAMUEL ODE BRIGHT      33. JACOB ARBOGAST BRIGHT      26. DAVID H. BRIGHT  
22. JACOB BRIGHT      13. JOHN BRIGHT      7. GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT      2. JOHANN  
STEPHAN BRECHT      1. JOHANN BRECHT

Samuel Ode Bright, a son of Jacob Arbogast and Melvina Ellen (Knicely) Bright, was born in Braxton County WV August 12, 1888 and died March 30, 1977. She married Louverna Cutlip April 2, 1911.

Louverna, a daughter of Henry H. and Lucy (McCray) Cutlip, was born January 28, 1893 and died January 27, 1981.

Children of Samuel Ode and Louverna (Cutlip)\_ Bright.

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|-----|-------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 75. | (1).  | Dana Roscoe         | b.Mar 29 1912 | d.Nov 17 1988 |
|     |       | m.Ruby Barnett      | Nov 19 1935   |               |
| 76. | (2).  | Carl                | b.Aug 16 1914 |               |
|     |       | m.Louise Currence   |               |               |
| 77. | (3).  | Maysel              | b.Nov 4 1916  |               |
|     |       | m.John Moore        |               |               |
| 78. | (4).  | Reed                | b.Feb 21 1919 |               |
|     |       | m.Alicia Hamrick    |               |               |
|     |       | m.Janet Bright      |               |               |
| 79. | (5).  | Paul                | b.            | 1921          |
|     |       | m.Wilma Mann        |               |               |
| 80. | (6).  | Clyde               | b.Apr 30 1924 |               |
|     |       | m.Virginia Wooten   |               |               |
| 81. | (7).  | Vonetta             | b.Aug 5 1926  |               |
|     |       | m.Leslie Maynard    |               |               |
| 82. | (8).  | Maxine              | b.Mar 19 1929 |               |
|     |       | m.Bill Ankrum       |               |               |
|     |       | m.Fred Friend       |               |               |
| 83. | (9).  | Eldon M.            | b.mar 29 1931 |               |
|     |       | m.Peggy Windon      |               |               |
| 84. | (10). | Nelma               | b.Dec 9 1933  |               |
|     |       | m.Walter Hartzell   |               |               |
| 85. | (11). | Mary Lou            | b.apr 3 1936  |               |
|     |       | m.Tom Hickman       |               |               |
| 86. | (12). | Roy Edward          | b.Jul 11 1938 |               |
|     |       | m.Dorothy McCartney |               |               |

57.THOMAS EDGAR BRIGHT      39.JAMES WASHINGTON BRIGHT      31.AZARIAH  
BRIGHT      22.JACOB BRIGHT      13.JOHN BRIGHT      7.GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT  
2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT      1.JOHANN BRECHT

Thomas Edgar Bright, a son of James Washington and Elizabeth (Wright) Bright, was born in Ritchie County WV September 28, 1882 and died April 4, 1968. He married Bettie Hansen. Bettie was a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Etta Jane (Arbaugh) Hansen.

Thomas married Dollie Ellen Harper September 5, 1918. His third wife was Violet May Wills. Violet was a daughter of James George and Ora (O'Donald) Wills.

Children of Thomas Edgar and Bettie (Hansen) Bright.





96.ELDEN HAROLD BRIGHT    75.DANA ROSCOE BRIGHT    55.SAMUEL ODE BRIGHT  
33.JACOB ARBOGAST BRIGHT    26.DAVID H. BRIGHT    22.JACOB BRIGHT  
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Elden Harold Bright, a son of Dana Roscoe and Ruby (Barnett) Bright, was born March 23, 1936. He married Delores Kathleen Coger. Delores is a daughter of T.U. and Cris (Frederick) Coger.

Children of Elden Harold and Delores Kathleen (Coger) Bright.

100.	(1).	Robin	b.Apr 15 1958
101.	(2).	Valerie	b.Aug 15 1959
102.	(3).	Gary Steven	b.Jan 30 1962
103.	(4).	Larry Michael	b.Jan 19 1963
104.	(5).	Judy Caryl	b.Jun 29 1965

97.DALE J. BRIGHT      75.DANA ROSCOE BRIGHT      55.SAMUEL ODE BRIGHT  
33.JACOB ARBOGAST BRIGHT      26.DAVID H. BRIGHT      22.JACOB BRIGHT  
13.JOHN BRIGHT      7.GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT      2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT  
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Dale J. Bright, a son of Dana Roscoe and Ruby (Barnett) Bright, was born January 1, 1939. He married Louella Griffith.

Children of Dale J. and Louella (Griffith) Bright.

105. (1). Dennis b.Aug 16 1962

106. (2). Kevin b.Apr 10 1971

98.SHIRLEY ANN BRIGHT      75.DANA ROSCOE BRIGHT      55.SAMUEL ODE BRIGHT  
33.JACOB ARBOGAST BRIGHT      26.DAVID H. BRIGHT      22.JACOB BRIGHT  
13.JOHN BRIGHT      7.GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT      2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT  
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Shirley Ann Bright, a daughter of Dana Roscoe and Ruby (Barnett) Bright, was born April 20, 1942. She married Franklin Dotson. Her second husband was John Meadows and her third Joe Majcik.

Children of Franklin and Shirley Ann (Bright) Dotson.

107.	(1).	Cindy	b.Mar	5	1961
108.	(2).	Jeffrey	b.Jun	28	1964
109.	(3).	Jerry	b.Jun	28	1964

Children of John and Shirley Ann (Bright) [Dotson] Meadows.

110. (1). John Paul

b.Dec 7 1968

99.PAMELA SUE BRIGHT 75.DANA ROSCOE BRIGHT 55.SAMUEL ODE BRIGHT  
33.JACOB ARBOGAST BRIGHT 26.DAVID H. BRIGHT 22.JACOB BRIGHT  
13.JOHN BRIGHT 7.GEORGE ADAM BRIGHT 2.JOHANN STEPHAN BRECHT  
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Pamela Sue Bright, a daughter of Dana Roscoe and Ruby (Barnett) Bright, was born December 14, 1943. She married Harold Wilt. Her second husband is Tom O'Connor.

Children of Harold and Pamela Sue (Bright) Wilt.

111. (1). Christina

b.Dec 23 1964

Children of Tom and Pamela Sue (Bright) [Wilt] O'Connor.

112. (2). Sherrie

b.Jul 14 1971

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